

Challenger Edgar Dugan has worked in the housing industry for 33 years and has been the owner of Choice Homes for 20 years. He says his ability to read and understand contracts; as well as his gift of common sense, his ability to learn and his ability to admit when he's wrong would be a great asset on the council. His goals on the council would be to unite old town with new town to make for a better town; to use common sense in decision-making and be open and honest with residents; ensure that development is done in the best interest of the town and not the developers; and to work to obtain private and public grants to benefit the town. Dugan ran for the council last year and said he was encouraged by residents and town officials to run again. He also says that he has the time to be at Town Hall to serve the residents. Dugan is a lifelong resident of the town.

Dugan says the town's renter's ordinance adopted in April is not a bad thing, but he does not want to see it used as a vendetta to go after certain landlords or property owners. He said the most important aspect of the ordinance is to ensure that homes are up to code with working smoke detectors, etc.

Dugan feels that Delmarva Power is overcharging the town for streetlights and as a councilman would campaign for Delmarva Power to correct what he views as their mistakes. He would also push for the town to have control over all of the streetlights in town which would include working on a purchase deal with Delmarva Power. He said if the town can get control of the lights, he would like to make the move to solar powered lights which he feels would be cheaper in the long run.

Dugan was not in favor of the Carter Farm rezoning which was passed in April and does not like smaller density homes which he says benefits the developers and not the residents. He would also like the development to have an entrance other than from Rt.71 to help local businesses, especially along Main Street. He would like to have the South Street emergency vehicle entrance made an alternate entrance and exit which would better connect the development to the rest of the town.

Dugan cites overdevelopment as a problem, especially with an increase in crime in town. He also believes the town should have an experienced grant writer to help the town obtain more grants to help with funding for various projects. He would also like to install speed cameras to cut down on the speeding issues.

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